

Virginia Green **Partner**Profile:



Pineapple Hospitality

St. Charles, Missouri

Virginia Green is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. *Virginia Green* has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, *Virginia Green* expects its participants to strive to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that customers can expect to find when they work with or visit the offices of this organization.

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Pineapple Hospitality is a premier distributor of "Green" Products and Marketing Programs for the Hospitality Industry. They offer a wide selection of products and programs designed to promote sustainability of both the environment and the bottom line.

CORE ACTIVITIES for Partner Organizations

- Support Virginia Green. Pledge to promote the efforts of Virginia Green to your clients, members and staff and encourage them to join or do business with Virginia Green participants.
- Green Meetings and Conferences. Provide recycling and make an effort to reduce the use of Styrofoam and other disposables at meetings and conferences.
- Recycling and Waste Reduction. All facilities/offices should have some sort of visible recycling program.
- ☑ Water Efficiency. All facilities/offices must attempt to conserve water and use it efficiently.
- ☑ Energy Conservation. All facilities/offices should have a plan that encourages energy conservation and efficiency.

Additional Details on Pineapple Hospitality's efforts to Support Virginia Green:

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- Encouraging clients which are in the tourism industry to join Virginia Green.
- Striving to design projects that minimize overall environment impacts and incorporate the use of efficient systems and sustainable materials.
- Carrying and promoting environmentally-friendly products and provide services that minimize the use of harmful chemicals and materials.
- Established a travel / conference policy that encourages employees to stay in / do business with Virginia Green or similar-minded facilities.
- Including a Virginia Green feature in your newsletter or other publication.
- Highlighting their involvement in Virginia Green on their website and including a link to their Virginia Green facility profile.
- Minimizing copying and always making 2-sided copies
- Eliminating the use of Styrofoam cups and plates.

For more information on **Pineapple Hospitality**, see www.PineappleHospitality.net, www.FreshStay.com or contact Ray Burger at Ray@PineappleHospitality.net.

For more information on *Virginia Green* program, see <u>www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/virginiagreen</u> or go to <u>www.virginiagreentravel.org</u>.



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